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- Angling, as a sport grants certain exclusive advantages. Though many who are devoted to it often catch no fish, yet their time is not idly spent, for no day can be counted entirely lost which has brought them close to Nature.
- 3- So it is, the luckless angler finds soothing compensation in the natural beauty of numerous spots along the trout streams of the Pocono mountains, Pennsylvania.
- 4- And when you look upon the beauty that environs these trout streams, you wonder that fishermen, among this charm of Nature, can so far forget God as to exaggerate the size of their catch.
- Yet, when you experience that peculiar disappointment of having a particularly fine trout get away from your hook, the thoughts you have do not fit in especially well with such natural beauty as this ---
- 5- Still, except for infrequent failures, angling is a recreation conducive to calm, peaceful, and patient dispositions.
- 7- A river's bank is the fittest place for contemplation, and the angler soon finds his sport, like virtue, its own reward.
- 8- Angling is conducive to philosophy. For must not a man who can wade knee-deep in water for hours without getting a bite be more or less of a philosopher.
- 9- It was an angler-philosopher who observed:"And when the timorous trout I wait
 To take, and he devours my bait,
 How poor a thing sometimes I find
 Will captivate a greedy mind.

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- 10- "And when none bite, I praise the wise, Whom vain allurements ne'er surprise."
- 11- All ages may share in angling. For when fish are in a biting mood, they are as avaricious for the bait of the barefoot boy as for that of the wise, old angler.
- 12- Another virtue of fishing. It is a sport which woman can understand, and, therefore, she may accompany man without spoiling his pleasure.
- 13- Still another merit for the sport. The successful piscator may enjoy the pleasure of preparing a good meal from his own catch.
- 14- The successful angler ever finds contentment upon a cool stream's pleasant bank, where

 "He meditates his time away

 And angles on, and begs to have

 A quiet passage to a welcome grave."
- 15- "Here if contentment be a stranger, -- then He'll ne'er look for it, but in Heaven again."

16- THE END.

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